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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE: School Districts to Track Graduation Rates SB 394

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	N/A				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Department of Education (SDE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 394 requires school districts to track high school graduation rates and reasons for non-graduation and report them as part of the annual accountability report.

#### Significant Issues

According to SDE, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, requires consistent reporting of graduation rates as the “other” indicator for school ratings. While the SDE does have a definition of graduation rate, the concept will have to be more clearly defined with regard to NCLB.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 394 does not contain an appropriation.

### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The SDE reports that the definition of graduation rate must be aligned with the National Center of Educational Statistics and NCLB.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

SDE indicates that the number of students who graduate from each high school are collected on the Accountability Data System but numbers are not always consistently reported by all districts. The reasons for non-graduation are collected on a separate database used for collecting data to report to the national dropout study.

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